

## Senate Resolution 703

By: Senator Hudgens of the 47th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Jefferson City Schools System; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, throughout its history, the Jefferson City Schools System has served its students  
3 with an unwavering dedication to academic excellence, emphasizing the importance of a well  
4 defined and well coordinated K-12 instructional program; and

5 WHEREAS, it was first established on November 20, 1818, as the Jackson County Academy,  
6 later becoming the Jefferson Academy and then the William Martin Institute, before  
7 becoming known as the Jefferson City Schools System; and

8 WHEREAS, for two consecutive years, Jefferson City Schools Systems has had the  
9 honorable distinction of having the highest average SAT scores of any school system in  
10 Georgia, with a 2004 average of 1077 (517 in verbal and 560 in math) and a 2005 average  
11 of 1097 (528 in verbal and 569 in math); and

12 WHEREAS, the Jefferson Foundation, established in 1983 and independent of school  
13 administration, provides support to the system's students and staff by offering scholarships,  
14 special grants, and supplements among many other programs and projects; and

15 WHEREAS, with the ongoing support of the members of the system's Board of Education,  
16 who include Mrs. Guy Dean Benson, Mr. Darrell Crowe, Mr. Ronald K. Hopkins, Mr. Willie  
17 Hughey, Mrs. Angela McKinney, and Mr. Damon Wilbanks, Jefferson City Schools have  
18 continued to thrive; and

19 WHEREAS, thanks to the hard work and dedication of the students, parents, teachers, and  
20 staff of Jefferson Elementary School, Jefferson Middle School, and Jefferson High School,  
21 along with the unparalleled support of Jefferson's citizens and leaders, the Jefferson City  
22 Schools System has become one of the most successful school systems in Georgia, and its

1 outstanding accomplishments and continued scholastic progress is an inspiration to education  
2 institutions everywhere.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
4 join in commending the Jefferson City Schools System for its outstanding academic success.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
6 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Ronald Hopkins, Jefferson City  
7 Schools System Board of Education Chairperson, and Dr. John Jackson, Superintendent.